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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Attorney tells Mich. Supreme Court Judge McCree should keep his job

"The attorney for disgraced Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree made a final plea Wednesday before the Michigan Supreme Court urging the high court to keep the disgraced judge on the bench. In September, the nine-member Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission concluded McCree's behavior — which included extramarital rendezvous in his chambers with a woman who hand a case before him — was gross misconduct which brought embarrassment and shame to the judiciary."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Future of 'buff judge' Wade McCree hits Michigan Supreme Court

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Associated Press: Future of 'buff judge' hits Mich. Supreme Court

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MLive.com: Fate of Judge Wade McCree's career rests with Michigan Supreme Court

Full story

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Future of 'buff judge' hits Mich. Supreme Court Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judicial Tenure Commission argues to remove Judge Wayne McCree from bench for 6 years

Full story

Associated Press: Mich. court examines one of Granholm's last acts

"A state attorney has urged the Michigan Supreme Court to let stand an unprecedented decision by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who made a prisoner eligible for possible release but then changed her mind in her final days in office.... Granholm commuted Matthew Makowski's no-parole sentence in 2010. But she changed her position when the victim's family complained."

Full story

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Cadillac News, the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing, the Republic/Columbus, IN and other media outlets.

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: State Supreme Court hears oral arguments

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

MLive.com: Court to rule if Dearborn murder convict, whose sentence ex-Gov. Granholm commuted then reinstated, should go free

Full story

NBC 6 South Florida/Miramar, FL: Florida Grandmother Appeals Decision for Kids to Be Placed With Foster Parents

"The Michigan Supreme Court [heard] the case [Tuesday December 10] of a Florida woman who wants to be the guardian of four children in Michigan. Authorities are appealing a decision that would take the siblings away from foster parents and make Lori Scribner the guardian."

Full story

Also see:

Note: The article also ran in, the Republic/Columbus, IN, WSJV-TV(28)/Elkhart, IN, WTOL-TV(11)/Toledo, OH and other media outlets.

Prisoner seeks review of former governor's commutation grant — and denial — in appeal Supreme Court hears this week

Also before the Court: Ethics charges against judge who had affair with litigant *Press release*

Oakland County Legal News: 'One Court of Justice' website now smartphonefriendly

"Smartphone users can now rejoice - the most comprehensive online information source about the Michigan justice system is now in the palm of their hands. A smartphone-compatible version of the 'One Court of Justice' website (www.courts.mi.gov) made its debut Monday, offering another convenient way to access the Michigan court's site, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr. announced."

Full story

Also see:

"One Court of Justice" website is now smartphone-friendly

Other website updates: Site users can sign up for appellate opinions, other bulletins via social media; Supreme Court posting audio of oral arguments

Press release

The Detroit News: Suspension recommended for Wayne County Judge Morrow over misconduct

"The state Judicial Tenure Commission is recommending a 90-day suspension for Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow. The commission, in a 35-page recommendation released Tuesday, is asking the Michigan Supreme Court to impose the unpaid suspension for the judge."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Judicial commission recommends 90-day unpaid suspension for Wayne Circuit Judge Morrow

Full story

The MLW Blog: JTC finds Wayne judge committed multiple acts of misconduct

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Mich. Judicial Tenure Commission calls for suspension of Judge Bruce Morrow

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judicial Tenure Commission pushes to suspend Wayne County judge, the subject of 7 Action News probe

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Healer of Controversy: New Peacemaking Court will help ease relationship conflicts

"A dream has come true for Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Timothy Connors who will oversee a new Peacemaking Court thanks to a yearlong grant from the state's Court Performance Innovation Fund.... The Peacemaking Court will use Native American principles for resolving disputes, using values Connors refers to as the four Rs: respect, responsibility, relationship, and redirection."

Full story

Lansing State Journal: One year later: Judges still reviewing right-to-work cases

"One year after Michigan passed a right-to-work law, opponents remain committed to overturning or weakening the measure through court actions. Of the half-dozen lawsuits filed against aspects of the right-to-work legislation, three remain pending in state and federal courts."

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Medical pot activists cheer as dispensaries, 'medibles' bills head to full House

"Legislation that would give medical marijuana patients more ways to obtain and use cannabis is one step closer to becoming law. A state House panel unanimously approved House Bills 4271 and 5104 Tuesday. They would allow medical marijuana dispensaries to operate again in Michigan and let patients use edible forms of marijuana, respectively. The legislation would give communities the ability to decide whether to allow dispensaries under new regulations."

Full story

Also see:

WKAR News/East Lansing: Medical Marijuana Activists Cheer As Dispensaries, "Medibles" Bills Clear House Panel

Full story